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LIVES OF THE FELONS.

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CONTINUED HENRY THOMAS,

Alias Dean, alias James Mitchell,

THE BURGLAR AND MURDERER.

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As soon as the magistrate had ascertained by a brief examination the exact nuture of the instruments which tumbled out of the murderer's saddle bags, his mind was made up as to his disposal, and ordering the Albany robber to be likewise taken into custody, he directed both the ruffians to be marched off to Lancaster jail, where they were duly incarcerated that very night. On the following Wednesday they were taken down to Sandersburgh to have a further hearing, agreeably to the demand of an attorney whom they had employed, before the magistrate (Justice Witmer) who had apprehended them. The examination was brief, and resulted in a re-commitment back to the same prison to await a trial; which, after the lapse of a few more days, was set for the 17th of February .-The criminals therefore looked forward to that date with an unusual degree of anxiety. During the intermediate period however, there were events in progress which were destined to make that day a fatal crisis, at least for one of them.

Maxon on his arrest near Wheeling had displayed the utmost fear and trepidation, but still had had sufficient self-possession to utterly deny all imputations of his guilt, and to deny also ever having had acquaintance or connection with any man of Thomas' description. Faith to his partner had no part in the motives which decided him to this course, but prudence told him that there was danger to himself in suffering his comrade to be suspected or pursued .-Persisting in this policy he had been taken back to Chilicothe and there cast into jail to await the arrest of his comrade, or in default of that, to take his trial for the offence charged, alone. This seemed to the counterfeiter to be a most cruel alternative for a man who was really so little to blame as himself and who had borne so subordinate and passive a part in the offence which had induced his arrest, and the continually strengthening circumstances against him did not in the least conduce to tranquilize his reflections. Witnesses were turning up, one after another, who recollected having seen him on the evening of the commission of the murder in the neighborhood of Bourneville in company with a large ill-favored man. The wagoner whom they had met on the morning of their flight near the bridge and whom they had attempted to pass by making a detour through the woods, recollected their appearance, their conduct and their elusive precipitancy. To rebut these strong circumstances the wretched man could offer nothing. He could show where he was the day before the murder; he could prove his presence in Chilicothe the morning after. but being traced towards Bourneville the pre-



HENRY THOMAS, the Western Murderer.

(Executed at Chilicothe, March, 1846.)

vious evening and detected flying from it on the following morning, there stood a dreadful and unexplained gap, which to every discerning mind turned his idle protestations of innocence into evidence against himself.

Maxon saw the terrible danger of his situation. He saw that though innocent of the murder, the proof against him would be as conclusive as if he himself had dealt the blow, and he contrasted the justice of his then condition with that of the actual murderer who was still at large, and who was perhaps rejoicing within himself at the prospect of getting rid," by the gallows, of the only witness of his crime. He thought too of the treatment which he had received from the ruffian ever since the murder, and the impression of his fingers were still burning on his throat.

While in this state of mind he was visited by the police authorities of the town and advised to a confession as the only means of averting the doom which was impending over him. The application was well timed. Hatred, hope and fear combined to bring the timorous rogue to a decision, and the murder was confessed. The object and the manner of the deed were carefully explained; the flight, and the disposal of the dark lantern and the papers from the store were indicated with an accuracy which enabled the officers to find the exact spot of their deposit and to dig them from the ground; and lastly, the direction of Thomas' whereabouts and the description of his person were given with a faithfulness which could not be defeated or thrown off, if a direct pursuit should ever fall upon his trail.

As soon as these particulars were obtained from the counterfeiter, (who, by the way, took particular pains to exaggerate the atrocity of the conduct of Thomas in the murder,) the State of Ohio offered a reward of \$1000 for the apprehension of Henry Thomas alias Dean, alias Mitchell, one of the murderers of Frederick Edwards, and in connection with the proclamation published a minute description of the murderer's person as given by Maxon. The administrators of the estate of Frederick Edwards added \$500 to the reward, and the citizens of Chilicothe, who after the developements of Maxon, had held a public meeting on the subject of the murder, also added to the above, a sum of

\$400-making in all a reward of \$1900 for the apprehension of the murderer.

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These proclamations were made in handbills, which were despatched to all portions of the union, and were particularly sent to all the principal police officers of the principal cities. Among others, one of them was sent to Mr. George Hughes, a sagacious and capable officer of the town of Lancaster, Pa., where Thomas and his Albany partner was then confined on suspicion of theft.

This paper came to hand to Mr. Hughes on the very morning of the 17th February, 1845, the day when the two rogues were to be arraigned and doubtless discharged for want of sufficient evidence against them. Mr. Hughes had seen Dean and his comrade while they had been in prison, and on reading over the description of the handbill it flashed upon him that the large man was the fugitive therein described. There was one portion of the description which could not be eluded, and that was in relation to a scar upon the ruffian's thumb, which had been caused by a bite from Edwards during the struggle for his life, and which scar completely encircled the member with a ring of scarlet. In addition to this he had another scar on his throat, and a cataract on his eye.

As soon as Mr. Hughes had read the handbill and became impressed that Thomas was the fugitive alluded to, he set out for the jail to make himself certain. On entering his cell he was at once struck with the similarity between the description and the individual. The cataract was on his eye, the cicatrix was on his throat, and there, upon his thumb, ran the ring of blood left by his dying victim as his only legacy of vengeance against that cruel and unpitying hand. There could be no mistake in the man. His identity stood proclaimed by every particular in the hand-bill. The officer thereupon immediately communicated his discovery to the proper authorities, and Thomas, who was on the very point of release, instead of being set free to pursue his way, was fastened to the prison floor with heavy chains and securely locked to await the arrival of the proper papers from Ohio to take

Up to the moment of his detection as the Western murderer, Thomas, had bore a light heart and was gay and cheerful in his demean-

or, chatting with his fellow prisoners, and sneering at the futile efforts of the authorities in endeavouring to detain for the commission of no offence, but as soon as the interview with Mr. Hughes had taken place, the sign of the death struggle on his hand examined, and his limbs loaded with the heavy chains white bind the monsters of the human race, he such at once into a state of the most gloomy de dency. For coarse and ribald songs he now maintained a moody silence, and in place of seeking the profane intercourse of the prison inmates to while away the hours he saked the keeper for a bible. He felt that the hand of his fate was on him, and instead of seeking to drown his conscience in rude and ruffian pastime he found that he must make hasty preparation for the safety of his immortal soul. The shadow had covered his horoscope, and the desperate and hardened man of blood before so bold and so defiant of all power, whether of heaven or earth, now cowered trembling before his impending doom. He cast himself upon the prison floor among his chains, and during the period of fifteen days which elapsed between the time of his arrest and the arrival of the requisition from Ohio, he occupied himself chiefly in seeking hope and solace in the mared volume. At the end of this period, (about the 2d or 3d March) he was taken from the Lancaster jail by Officer Hughes, Mr. Benedict, of Lancaster, and Officer Young, of Philadelphia, and by them conveyed to Chilicothe; in the jail of which place the prisoner was lodged on the 10th March.

On Thomas' arrival in Chilicothe jail he found Maxon among its inmates, and he also found three other men named Chalfant, Luck, and Haskell, incarcerated there as his accomplices in the crime. The two first of these were old thieves, one of whom, Lusk, we have spoken of before; but Haskell was an honest man, and had been implicated solely through having procured the making of the dark lantern at Maxon's request, and without inquiring his object. On the Sunday after Thomas's incarceration, Chalfant and Lusk were brought down to his cell and confronted with him to see whether or no a recognition would not take place, as each denied all knowledge of the other; but Thomas was staunch, and denied any knowledge of them whatever. He had recovered some confidence since his arrival in this prison, and as soon as his mind raised itself from its former state of despondent gloom, he cast away his scriptural guide and relied for the occupation and amusement of his leisure upon conversations through the walls with his prison companions. As the sheriff was about to retire with the two former prisoners at the conclusion of the above interview, Thomas begged the favor of being let out of his cell upon the corridor, which request being granted, he had an opportunity of conversing at pleasure with Chalfant and Lusk, who had already been allowed this privilege for several days.

As soon as the sheriff had retired out of hearing, Thomas, after having been introduced by Lusk to Chalfant, inquired of the former, the reason of his finding them inmates of the prison; whereupon he was informed that Maxon had made a wholesale business of it, and had testified against them also.

"The devil he has!" said Thomas. "Against you too, eh? Can't he be made to contradict himself upon cross-examination?"

"No," said Lusk, "the Devil himself could not do it. We tried it on, and failed. Somebody must have written his lesson down for him, for he has it by heart."

"Well, poor Haskell is most to be pitied," said the murderer. "Men of our lives must bargain to be suspected of everything that turns up, but it is rather hard that a mere act of good nature, in having a lantern made for the accommodation of a hound like Maxon, should bring an honest man to the gallows. But Maxon didn't testify against him I suppose."

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"Yes burste hid though" resumed Luck; "I to get Manne in the cell next does, and leave tell you he made a clean thing of it. I do not me to settle him." From to white account he testified against Haskell, beal de know that he said enough to have

"The infernal villain," muttered Thomas, ng his own villany in the contemplation of that of his companion. "The infernal vildain !. Well, what did he testify against me?" will " Why his evidence against you was out and out? answered Lunk. "He commenced by hiving whistory of our intended robbery of the mail; of my selecting the Bourneville store for the burglary; of your entering the back room wand publing the bareau drawer, and afterwards entting Edwards to death with your bowie, to keep him from following ; of the place where you barled the knife and bloody papers, both which have been dug up by the officers, and various

"The ungrateful dog!" exclaimed Thomas in a tone of suppressed rage through his set teeth; and then glancing hastily up and down the corresor, he eagerly inquired if Maxon was upon that tier.

other particulars which connect themselves with the operation and with your flight."

"Nay" waid Chalfant, "he is below, and on the other side of the prison."

"That is unfortunate," said the murderer, for I'd soon put an end to all the testimony against us, if he was within my reach for but a single minute! The d-d ungrateful dog!"

It is my opinion that if one is convicted, all will be !" said Chalfant gloomily. " We're in a

"Things look dark, it's true," answered "There's no mistake about their looking dark ; but if we work matters right and behave predently, and all pull together, we shall get out of the scrape safe enough after all."

onfers I don't see how it's to be done, for my part," said Lusk, shaking his head doubtfully.

"How it's to be done !" replied Thomas, repeating after him. "Why there is a hundred ways open to perseverance and courage in any scrape. Besides, they wouldn't convict any man on such flimsy evidence as they've got against us in this case."

"Well, if it's flimsy against us, it's strong against you?" answered Lusk, "and it's my fear that one will sink the other."

"It is, ch?" exclaimed Thomas, in a tone of irritation. "Well, come now, what is there against me ?"

"Why Maxon-"

"Damn Maxon! Leave him out!"

"Leave him out! Why you may as well say leave the whole charge out-he's the principal witness!"

"He'll never testify!" muttered the murderer with a sullen and threatening contraction of the

"Well, he will if he lives!" returned Lusk. "So you can just make your mind up on that, any how !"

"Ay, 'if he lives,' I grant you," returned Thomas. "But he won't live. He oughtn't to live to the destruction of better men. At any rate, he shall never live to testify against me, and that's sworn to !"

"That's all very well, but how are you going to get rid of him ?"

"Time will tell !" answered Thomas. "Time the next cell to mine."

After a little more conversation of this character the keeper came around, and the three ruffians were separated and turned into their respective cells.

At the opening of the following (March) erm of the Supreme Court, the Grand Inquest of Ross County, Ohio, found true bills of indictment against Henry Dean alias Thomas, alsos Mitchell, and Leroy J. Maxon, for the wilful and deliberate murder of Frederick Edwards, and additional bills against Lusk and Haskell as accessaries.-Chalfant was discharged.

As soon as this result was made known in the prison, Lusk called at the cell of Thomas and asked him what he thought of the case now,

" Pil tell you what I think," said Thomas through the grate, for he was now in close confinement; "I think that the only chance left is

"I entered into a design to finish him by poi son," says Thomas is his confession. (Tabe continued.)

European Criminal Intelligence. (From our files by the Great Western.)

Henry Norman, the self-accused robber and mur-derer, is in custody in London. The Police have been active in tracing his crimes.

Frauds in packing weel, by placing horse-shes leces of lead, &c., in the centre of fleeces, in order nhance the weight, are said not to be uncommon. The editor of the Gazette de France has be n found guilty of a libel on the King, and condemned to four months' imprisonment, and to pay a fine of 3000 france. The libel was contained in some reflections again Lecompte's attempt on his Majesty's life.

A fatal affray occurred a few days back at Bird-bl Tipperary, originating in resistance to the law. A mer named Maunsell was in arrest of rent; he may be a manufacture of the law. The parameters, who blockaded the house, refused. The palice fired, and shot two of his aervants.

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THE ESCAPE OF PRINCE LOWS BOOKARATS.—On Monday, May 25th, the Prince succeed d in effecting his escape from the fortress of Ham, after a rices imprisonment of some years. Having assumed the disquise of a workman, he contrived to clude the vigilance of the rentice; to regain his freedom without my research from the battalion of infantry that strengt the prince of the rentice; and to arrive safely in London, where we believe, he is at this moment. It is sail succeed that for some time past Prince Louis he search that the first of health leaves little hope that his first of health first ther prolonged. For this purpose is seasantalised the King of the French for his temporary liberation on parole; off-ring his word of honor as security for his return to the chateau of Ham as soon as his filial attentions should cease to be required. The prayer o this memorial was refused; and no other course, therefore, remained to the Prince than the one he has accomplished with such singular good fortue. His object now, as we hear, is to obtain passports without delay, in order that he may at once hasten to share the retreat of his father at Florence.

A farmer named Delany, an old man, in his 70th year.

A farmer named Delany, an old man, in his 70th year, who had been engaged in ejecting a brether farmer named Keys, at Rathdowney, was murdered there re-

The sailor who recently got into the gardens at Buck ingham Palace turns out to be a deserter from a man-war. He has been given up to the naval authorities.

Last week, a solicitor procured the adjournment of a case in which he was interested in the Bankruptey Court, by sending the grounds of his non-appearance by the electric telegraph from Southampton to London.

The Grand Jury at the Central Criminal Court, London, last week, made a presentment to the court to the effect, that there is something radically wrong in English logislation as regardy the increase of crime, and the re-

Joseph Ady, an old Quaker, who makes a living by sending letters to persons in various parts of the country stelling them that, on payment to him of twenty shillings, he will send them information to their advantage, is in custody on a charge of obtaining money, in this way, under false protences.

under false presences.

On opening a package recently at the railway station in London, addressed to a Dr. Hunter, three skeletons presented themselves—a grown male and female and a child. The general impression which prevails is, that the remains are those of Amel an Lidians. What confirms the belief that they are the remains of American Indians is the fact that they are surrounded by indian matting, and packed up with a very curious description of grass. The bodies had evidently been exhumed.

matting, and packed up with a very curious description of grass. The bodies had evidently been exhumed.

Horrille Tragery in Srain.—One of those rugged and solitary vall ys, formed by the spura of the Navarese Pyrenees, has just been the scene of a shocking tragedy, which, if possible, excited increased horror in the neighborhood, from the fact of its having occurred within a short distance of the spot where the famous Christino Guriello Elorrio was assassinated only a few days ago. A fortnight has not yet chapsed since a woman entered an isolated house, situated in the a bove locality, and begged its immates, consisting of a peasant, his wife and their infant, to give her shelter for the night. No sooner was the prayer made than it was granted with that hospitality for which the inhabitants of northern Spain are proverbial, and the tranger ast down to rock the baby's cradle while the patrona lit a candle ferthe purpose of preparing supper. She and her husband then observed that the new comer, whose rough voice had previously excited their attention, had a very macculine aspect, and they were not long in fading out that a man, disguised as a female, was beneath the roof. One rapid glacca exchanged between the disanged couple sufficed to show that each had made this alarming discovery at the same time, and the peasant, under pretext of looking after some pigs, went out to seek as istance of his nearest neighbors. No sooner was he gone than the pretended woman, assuming a fercolous aspect, approached his trembling companion, who precipitately shut herself up in an adjoining room. The roober, for such he was, tried to burst open the door, but, finding it real-sed all his attempts, desisted, threatening that Ita sum of money received the day before by the peasant for some maise was so immediately given up, he would kill the child which was sleeping near the miscreant. The poor woman, half dead with fright, and not imagining that such a threat could be put into exce the peasant for some maise was not immediately given up, he would kill the child which was sleeping near the miscreant. The poor women, half dead with fright, and not imagining that such a threat could be put into execution, refused to leave her, place of refuse, and in a minute afterwards the screams of the little innocent and its subsequent silence, sudden and profound, told its agonized mother that the measter had murdered it. This deed of blood consummated, the wretch strove to break through the mud wall separating him from his other victim, and in a short time he made an orifice sufficiently large to admit his head on all shoulders, through which he strove to make his way; but the peasant's wife, rendered desporate by the death of her child and her own danger, caught hold of a sirkle, and seizing the assailant by his hair, backed at his neck with such energy that the severed his head from the trunk. This done, she fell to the ground in a faining fit, just as the peasant returned with aid, whose horror and consternation may be imagined on discovering his infant deed and weltering in its blood, the body of a decapitated man extended on the floor, and his unfortunate wife in a swoon with the robbers head at her feet.

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GUILDHALL — MATRIMONIAL SPROULATION. — An Irishman, of rather repulsive countenance, but well dressed, named Joseph Mortimer, wax placed at the bar before Alderman Faracomb, charged with rebbing a buxom dame of about 40, named Eliza Lawyer, of 24. in gold, besides a large quantity of westing apparel, under the following curious circumstances:—Complaint stated that shout three months since she advertised in the "Times" for a situation as cook or housekeeper to a single gentleman. She received an answer from the prisoner, saying that if she felt an inclination to change her situation in life he should be happy to com-

mentess with her on the subject. A cay was sponders, and she wet him at a filent's hower a Such street, Growenor aquare. He represented himself as a street, Growenor aquare, the represented himself as a street, and a widower, with but one daughter, and concluded by asking her if the was willing to alter her states to tife 1. She replied that the had no objection, if the casel must the a show willing to alter her states to tife 1. She replied that the had no objection, if the casel must the a show will be she had ny of yetien too to to New York, and she said she had not. She would go anywhere if she could be happy, as she had no that to keep her in England at all. Alderman Farmeomb: At the first meeting did he inquire whether you had any property? Complainant: No, he did not. The complainant proceeded to state that, after a few more interviews, it was agreed they should be married. On this being known to some of her creditors, she was arrested by one of them, in the hope that the prisoner would pay, but finding that not to be the case the party libs atod her again. In consequence of the arrest the marriage was postposed, and eventually it was agreed that as soon as she could actile her affairs they should proceed to Manchester, and there be united. Being annoyed by her creditors the removed to a coffee-shop in the Commercial road, her mining to live with her as her husband until they wertwarried. They moved about to various places, and all hat went to France, where she had to receive about 40. Left her by her late husband's father. After staying there about a fortnight they returned, and the season and the staying the read by the results of the season and the man partneyming the file of the state of the prisoner the money to take care of, but never non-season by married it was little difference who found the case. Buring the time the not she had post to the case that a swan to make use of it. On the Wednesday previous to his leaving her as gave him a number of unplicates of clothes, which he was to get on the pr

E., No. 34 Gough street, Mount Pleasant, Gray's Inn road.

The prisoner then accused complainant of having a child brought home, which she had by Lord Dudly Suart, and also to the fact of his having turned three men out of her room when in Paris, both of which accusations she denied most positively. Alderman Farncomb remarked that the question the prisoner was asking had nothing to do with his absconding with the complainant's money. Prisoner: Then all I say is, I'm not guilty. A Sarah Smith, of the Commercial Road East, was called to prove that the prisoner passed himself off as complainant's husband, and that he once introduced her as Mrs. Mortimer, and also to the fact of his taking the box away. She had also been to the parties in the city whom he represented as his agents, and they said there was a Mr. Mortimer, of Chatham Square, New York, and that if the prisoner was the party he was highly respectable, but they could not identify him. The prisoner declining saying anything more than, he was not guilty of the charge, was remanded, in order to make further enquiries respecting him, as it is supposed that he has been carrying on this trade to some extent.

CRIMINAL MISCELLANY.

THE GANGES POISONING CASE.—We learn from our New Orleans papers of the 3d inst., that the case of the thrice poisoning of the crew of the brig Ganges, Capiain Bertrand, resulting in the death of Mr. Fitzpatrick the mate, he been investigated, and that the poison was in the water casks. The former captain would have been arrested, but he had left for Havans.

Acquireme.—In the Bahimore City Court on Thoraday, Joseph Wilson was acquisted of the murder of a woman, named Frances McDowell. The murder occurred about a year and a hal ago, and has been post-poned from term to term until no evidence to prove the fact could be adduced.

MAIL ROBERY.—The great southern letter mail bag was stolen from the box on the mail boat at Cincinnat, on Sunday, June let, between two and four o'clock in the merning. At the last accounts no traces of it had been found.

Naw Counterapart.—Connterfeit notes of the de-nomination of ten dollars, purporting to be issues of the Stonington Bank, are in circulation. This issue is a new one.

THE LITTLE JORDE.—On the arrival of the Brico-son stemer on Wednesday evening, at the Che-tout street wharf, Philadelphia, from Baltimore, a passenger named Augustus Lane, who was on his way home to Bedford county, was induced, as he says, by "a little fellow with a white sack coat on," to play a game of thimbles, and was "done" out of the sum of \$100.

DREAMSED.—Seth Luther went into the State Bank, at Boston, on Friday, armed with a sword, and demanded \$1000 in the name of the President. Officer Ryder was sent for, and carried him off. He did not draw his

HONESTY.—The following anonymous note enclosing \$24 has been received by the Treasurer of Eric county, N. Y. "Honesty is the best policy. I believe it. The enclosed \$24 belongs to the poor fund of Eric county. To be honest myself with my fellow men and with my God, requires that this should be refunded."

John H. Harper, who killed young Meredith at Inde-pendence, Mo., a few days since, has been fully com-mitted to stand his trial for murder in the first degree. The only alleged cause was jealously, which, it is be-lieved was totally unfounded.

STABLED.—A man named John Curry was stabbed by Franklin Holden, in Rochester, on Thursday evening. Curry commenced an attack. Holden forwarned him not to touch him, which Curry did not heed, at which Ho'den drew his weapon, a dirk knife, and stabbed Curry in the let side, between the fifth and sixth ribs. Curry is in a critical state, but not considered dangerous.

ELUPEN.—We find in one of our exchange properties from a letter published in the Philadelphia had the Theory stages that fire. Leaving, for fire. Heavy side, has a gains bandoued her has band aloned with an efficie of the arms.

Myznums.—On Wednosday, 2d instant, about ten miles from Bowling Green, as affine deducted between V. W. Peyton and John Funtrone, his step-sen, and W. Hughes, a brother-in-law to Peyton, which resulted most tragitally. Feyton is severely if siet morally worsided, having least what with a piecel, and budly out with a bowle knife, so that his life is in great peril.—Vontages respired a stab in the side with a knife, which passed through the lungs, and its initiated lie life in 28 hours. Ringhes eccepted with a wounded waistcoat, inflicted by Payton. Family difficulties, it is said, was the cause of this unfortunate affair,

NEW COUNTERPRIT.—The Mount Holly Mirror notices a three dollar counterfeit note, purporting to be insued by the Farmers' and Mechants' Benk of Middlesown Foint, N. J. as in circulation, and is said to well calculated to deceive. The vigitests is a female figure with a sheaf of wheat at her side, and the implements of husbandry at her feet. On her right side are he axe, and the acrew, &c. There is a female figure on one end of the note, and the figure of washing on on the other. They are signed Bitska Baker, Cashier; William Little President.

Wholesals Hoss Systime. — Illinois horse thieves do a wholesale business if the papers of that State correctly report. The Star, published in Kane county, states that 24 horses were aloba in that county in a few days, and near that frumber of horse thieves have been trapped, tried, convicted, sud-seat to State prison. The Star says:

"Some time sluce, one of these speculating gentry was trapped; and, to escape the venguance he justify morited, he informed his captors that there were some one hunded and fully horses concealed in a cavern in the nurthern portion of the State. It appears this hold to the regular piece of readesyons and concealment of the band until opportunity offers to transport their booty to the southern and eastern markets."

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A REVOLVING SUPERSTITIOUS CONCERT.—A black follow named Charles Carney was arrested and taken before Alderman McClean, of Moyamensing, on Monday, charged with an assessit and battery upow a black woman, and was committed to answer in default of boil. While in the office, the woman informed the Alterman that Carney had been guilty of several posty thefis and misdemeanors lately, and carried about him a charm which he told her protected him against dutaffion while engaged is his pillaring expeditions. This charm, she said, was the foot of a child about five years of age, preserved in a skeleton form. The Alderman's curiods, was excited by this story and at the instance of a gentleman of the lar present, searched t arney and found the charm described by the woman. He, of course, took it from the fellow, and proved to his satisfaction, by committing him to juil, that the charm was not a very perfect one.

took it from the removal, that the charm was perfect one.

Love—Scicion.—A heautiful young lady in Delaware county, in., having been compelled by her father to marry a gentleman of fortune, though she had promised her hand to another, took poton in her course the morning after her merriage, while at breakfast with her huband and parents, and expired in less than an hour.

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A Melancholy Affair.—The account below, from the Portland Argus, illustrates the cruel barbarly which prevails in the world, and the delight which the unferling take, in aggravating the tortures of those who suffer from the shame of thoughtless error, or perhaps unjust suspicions, only. Juries may declare the victims in such cases, the subjects of derangement; but it is not so. They are driven by an intensity o wretchedness and despair, to escape from the taunts and evil tongues of a censorinus world. They covet death as an escape from a life that is insupportable, and the gossiping creatures of the world are responsible for such deeds of suiside.

"Sad indeed.—Eliza Floyd, aged about fourteen years, belonging to Gorham, drowned herself at Saccarappa, on Thur-day. She was an operative in the mills there, and had committed an error, for which she was repentant, had promised ample atonement, and was forgiven. But some of her companions so often taunted her about it, and so frightened her into the belief that the constable was after her, that it produced mental derangement. She went out to dinner, waded into the water and drowned. She was seen when immersed to her neck, but was supposed to be a boy bathing. A Coroner's Inquest was held by Geo. Small, Esq., and in view of the facts, the jurors returned a verdict of suicide by montal derangement."

DISHONEST POSTMASTER.—Elijah Goff has been arrested at St. Louisville, Licking county, Ohio, on a charge of robbing the mail. It appeared evident some time since that depradations were being committed, and suspicion rested on Goff, who was postmaster at St. Louisville, and stratagem was reserted to. Letters containing worthless bank notes were mailed at various points, and a Mr. Hoge started with them from Martinsburg, accompanying the mail all the way through, and axismining it immediately after it left the office. The package containing the worthless notes were taken by Goff, and the robbery was at once detected. The next mail brought the letters to the station beyond St. Louisville, but rified of their contents, and Goff was immediately arrested. On searching his premises, a portion of the money was recovered.

THE LATE MURDER AT INDEPENDENCE.—We learn from a gentleman recently from Independence, Mo., that public feeling ran very high against the murderer of Mr. Merrick. It has been stated that there was no cause for the jealousy which prompted the act, yet we learn from the source mentioned, that a private correspondence, by letter, had been kept up between the hely and her supposed paramour for some time. The lady was very young, having been married at twelve, and being now but in her fifteenth year.

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FRIGHTENING A ROUB.—In the St. Louis Recorder's Court, recently, Alexander McManus, was fined \$5, for stealing wood from the steamer Hannibal, and was asked to "fork up" by his honor.

"C-c-c-can't do it," muttered he; "a-a-a-ain't got th-the p-p-pewter, your Honor."

"Are you a married man P" inquired the Recorder.

"N-n-n-not exactly s-a-s-so far gone y-y-yel, sir."

"Well, I will have to send you to the workhouse," said the Recorder.

"T-t-t-taint nothin' -t-t-to go th-th-there," said Alick, "I-I-I-Pm used to it; b-b-but when you t-t-t-talked sbout m-m-marriage, old fellow, you f-f-f-fright-ened me!"

Homicide.-The Pottsville Gazette says HOMICIDE.—The Pottsville Gazette says that a melancholy occurrence took place on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., about two miles above the Borough. A quarrel took place between John Reese, a Welshman, and John Kelly and Thomas Colahan, both Irishmen, in which the first, in selt defence, shot both the others, wounding Colahan mortally. Re died about 12 o'clock on Wednesday. After Colahan was shot, Kelly san and procured a gun and pursued Reese for some distance, but did not overtake him. Reese was subsequently arrested, and after a hearing, committed. Honrid Mundus in Charless —We are pained to monthly continued a shocking murder, perpetrated in Charless was the right of Thursday last, says the Workster (Transsing). Issue Riedly, a negro about 41 years old, lately from Webster, or vicinity, came recently to Charless, bringing with him a colored westain, said to be his wife. These two persons fell in company with an Englishman named Buttersworth, an amounted same as Englishman named Buttersworth, an amounted same as the Charless and the same theory of the company with an Englishman named Buttersworth, an amounted same resident in Charless and its neighborhood. They precured rum, drank freely, and, as the negro says, sometime during the night, being in the open field, some distance from any house, Buttersfield attended to firce his wife, upon which he made an attack upon him with a sharp stone, bruining and cutting his tend, and having him unable to rice.

The woman gave contradictory statements. She says that when they reached the road, nome 30 rods distant, Moody stopped and said, "Charless and him, I wall go back and dark and she could not see what he did, yet she heard the blives districtly." HORRID MURDER IN CHARLTON -We are pained to

dark and she could not see what he can, you are con-the brives distinctly.

When finant next morning, Buttersworth was dead— the hack side of his head was knocked in, and the skull horribly fractured and gashed by the stone. Some of the gashes were 5 or 6 inohes long, and one on the side of the hand extended to the chin, and severed the ear. The segre field, but was found secreted in a awang— examined before Justice Brown of Oxford, and com-mitted to the juil in this term on Saturday.

dynam.—Deanie Murphy, the postmaster and original preprietor of Benton, lowa county, was shot at that place, a few days since, by Samuel Crawford, a lwyter, who having been cowhided by Hurphy a few days before, went to Benton with a fewling piece, not Murphy and discharged at him, inflicting, it is feared, a fatal wound. Crawford fiel immediately, and was supposed to be beyond the reach of pursuit.

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TRIAL For Breaky.—Boston Musicipal, Court.

Charles R. Bragdon, carpenter, alian Dr. E. C. Brudley, was put on trial on Friday morning on the indictment found against him for bigamy, and alleging that in
1842 he was married to Lucy Ann Jones, in New Haven,
and that she being still living, he was married again to
Sarah Ormess, in Boston, in June, 1844. He defended
himself, resting his defence upon want of proof of the
first missed marriage. The first wife could not by law
be a wincess against him, nor could she bring witnesses from Connecticut to prove her marriage, and
the certificate, had been lost. But she produced letters
from him, in which he addressed her as "My dear
wife," and concluded in the usual form—"your true
and affectionate husband till death. C. R. Bragdon."
If one of these letters he referred to his child. His
second wife, not being, on account of his previous marriage, his legal wife, was a competent witness, and teatified that after her marriage, he spoke to her about the
family, because its mother was not a suitable person to
bring it up. She supposed that it was an illegitimate
child, and refused to have it. He replied that its mother
was, as much his wife as the witness was. Witness
soon after left the prisoner.

In reply to the judge, the prisoner said—"I have no
winssees to call, and only a word or two to say. I
want the jury to understand that I deny in toto that I
was ever married in any shape, form or manner. I
admit I was married to Mrs. Ormond. The child I
spoke of was my first wife. She has been dead four
or five years." He also said that the Lucy Ann Jones
was once the wife of a man named Tarbox, who had
obtained a divorce from her. He also said some other
hard things against her character.

In the afternoon, Mr. Parker, county attorney, produced the records of the su

The following sharp passages took place between the prisoner and his first wife, Lucy Ann Jones, who was called as a witness.

Prisoner—Bo you mean to stand here and look me in the face, end say you was ever married to me! Lucy—Yes, I do say so.
Prisoner—Do you dare to look at me and tell such a brazen-faced lie! razed-second net.
Lucy---I am sorry to see such a brazen-faced man.
Prisoner---Was it a man or a woman that married us?
Lucy----Are you a fool or a wise man, that you ask such

n question?
Prisoner—Do you know the difference between a ship and a steamboat? nd a steamboat? Lucy—I know the difference between a rascal and an

In reply to some questions as to where she had lived with him, she named several houses in New Bedford, Providence and New York, and told him that he generally ran away without paying his bills, besides trying

rally ran away without paying his bills, besides trying his hand at passing counterfeit money.

The prisoner, without denying any of these imputations, undersook to refresh Lucy's recollections of her ramblings from the path of rectitude, and particularly in reference to her having lived with Nelson Robinson

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Mr. Parker handed to Lucy for identification the letters sent to her by the prisoner, in which he called her "dear wif.," and himself her "affectionate husband," and speaks of their "baby," &c. The allusion to the last i em led to another spar between the prisoner and Lucy, who said that the child was at her mother's, in Maine. This the prisoner did not deny, but pursued the cross-examination thu:

— Prisoner—Have you not had another since?

Lucy—It is none of your business.

Prisoner—Bon't you remember that the name of the steamer was the Albatros?

Lucy—I don't.

Prisoner—What did you go to New Haven for ?

Lucy—We went there to be married, and nothing

else.

Prisoner—Did it rain that day?

Lucy—No, but I should have thought it would.

Prisoner—Did it snow?

Lucy—I don't know, but it has snowed considerable

The judge now interfered to put a stop to the non-sense of the parties, and the prisoner closed his defence by saying that he was never married in any way, shape

or manner to Lucy Am Jones or Tartes; that the never was in New Haven with her; and he wound on by saying that he saw men on the fury who knew has a seambest had ever run from Fairhaves or New Bedford to New Haven.

Tassing over the cloing remarks of the county attorney and the charge of the judge, we would state the difficulty in this case. The letters and the prisoner's bantering declaration to his second wife went to prive that there there existed a woman whom he had called his wife. But it certainly did not amount to justicial proof of a marriage between that woman and the prisoner's a person incapable by law of contracting a legal marriage in this commonweally, supply the defect in the other evidence? Was she a person entitled to belief, if she told a coherent and reasonable story? Was her story such an one?

The jury were unable to agree on a verdict, and were discharged. They stood six to six. The prisoner was remanded to jall.

From the Philadelphia Same.

From the Philadelphia Sun

THE BURGLAN'S MAIL BAG.—We alluded in yesterday's Sun to the fact, that a small leather case was found floating in the Delaware near the shore a short distance below Reed atreet wharf, Southwark. It was picked up by Mr. John Rutter, and upon opening it, two Philadelphia Penny newspapers dated Jan. 6th, and 7th, 1846, were found therein, accompanied by a letter of which the following is a verbatim

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Tomes of Application, January 13th, 1846.

Mr. Josiah Bright—Sir: I am authorized to inform you that Capt. Woon has received a few Reads as, and that he expects occasionally to receive them from time to time, and he will send them to you when he gets them. He sends them to Bony, and Bony sends them to me, and I am to send them to you, and this I will have to do by Yorkey; and he wants you when you are done with them, to send them to Grand-dad, and he is to send them to Bill, Siddal, and you are by no means to tell any one that they came from Cap. Wood. He empirically the servey on you for fear he might be deprived from getting them. Should it at any time drop out that they come from him, and if none but Berns and you and myself know where they come from, they cannot drop on it; this is my orders to you. I received them verbally, but was requested to send them to you in writing. I have done so, and will add my own opinion with it. I think it will be best, the next I send, to let Yorkey read them before he sends them to you, but these I did not want him to see an account of the note. The next I will send as if they came from me; and I think it would be best to let your neighbor North see them before you send down below, for he might get jealows and stop the Mail. I do not say he would, but you know a colored man is every uncertain. You can use your pleasure of course.

Locust Hall, Jan. 18th, 1846.

Locust, Esq., that's all you know.

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Josiah Bright, to whom the above letter is directed, was tried and convicted in the Criminal Court, about two years ago, on the charge of burglariously entering and robbing the dwelling house of Mr. Smith, on Turner's Lane, and sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of seven years in the County Prison.

Captain Wood, whose name is also used in the letter, was convicted of pocket-picking, and sentenced about seven months ago to two and a half years in the County Prison. The rest of the persons alluded to are burglars and pick-pockets.

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The "Readers" spoken of in the letter is a slang name for newspapers, and the mail which Locust, Esq. was alraid of being stopped through jealousy, is the leather case found floating in the river. How the mail got there is involved in mystery. It may have come down through the common sewer from the County Prison to the river, or by some other source.

There are not many persons in this community who know what methods are resorted to by the unfortunate and miserable convicts immured in the prison cells, to get even one glimpse of a newspaper. Those who have been in such situations can alone fully appreciate the frenzy, sorrow, grief, heart-harrowing despair and madness which at times overcome the miserable victim to the offended law.

The letter shows that even in the darkest moments of adversity, so to speak, some of the more fortunate of the gang—desperate as they all may be when at liberty—is even ready to incur any hardship, if it be merely to light up the gloomy cell with a momentary ray of pleasure. The means resorted to, to get papers in the cell is not a little singular. The prisoner places a stick out of the window or aperture, and the person outside attaches a string to the mail—that is, the leather case—and then slings it upwards until he succeeds in getting it over the stick. The prisoner then hauls it in through the little aperture.

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A fellow prisoner in the next cell places a stick out of his little window, and when the one who has already received the paper is done with it, he places it in the leather case, puts his arm through the hole, and twirls the string around until it catches on the stick. It is then hauled into the second cell. By this method the mail, containing all sorts of information, may be passed from one cell to another. passed from one cell to another.

Philadelphia Quarter Sessions.

JUNE 13, 1846. Before Judge J. Richter Jones.

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The Court was engaged to-day in hearing desertion and apprentice cases, in passing sentences, and other miscellaneous matters.

The case of Thomas Pennington and Smith Law, against whom a verdict had been obtained on a charge of conspiracy to defraud creditors, came up before the Court for final disposal.

Judge Todd, the counsel, and personal friend of Mr. Law, arose and asserted his firm conviction of the innocence of his client. He said that not withstanding the verdict of the Jury he should still regard Mr. Law as the victim of circumstances over which he had no control. His connection with Pennington, he said, was in consequence of recommendations which he had received of his honesty, and to show that his confidence in him was real and not collusive, he instanced the fact that he had entrusted a large amount of property to his charge, and that subsequently, when he had reason to suspect the position of Pennington, he withdrew his confidence, refused to recommend him, and even gave such information as led merchants in New York to refuse to sell him goods. Had he been connected with Pennington at this time, with a view to get possession

securing litterest sgainer loss when that Individual failed.

St George T. Campbell, for the New York creditors, stated that an arrangement had been made by Mr. Law, and that while sistinating that his clients had acted constructed in this presecution, he on their behalf warmly secured the recommendation to mercy with which the Jury had accompanied their we diet.

Judge Todd attemped to make an appeal to the mercy of the Court on behalf of Mr. Law's family, but he was no overcome by his facilings that he was compelled abruptly to take his seat.

Judge Jones semanbed that this was not a case celling for exemplary pushishment. He seemed to admit that there was a doubt of the defendant's guilt, but that the vertict of the July had in a legal point of view, beyond which the Goart could not look, set that doubt at rest. For the considerations which have been presented, he would not previounce the sentence of hard labor and solitary confinement, but mercely an imprisonment in the County jail for three months.

CITY POLICE ITEMS.

An OLD CLO' CLERE IN TROUBLE .- One of the youthful children of Israel, named Judah Levy, who usually stands outside the old clo' shop of Mr Seltingham, a Chatham street dealer in dilapidated toggary, got hi neelf into the clutches of the uncircumcised last week, in a manner that may perhaps prove a warning to the entire tribe, who are now doing business on the impulsive plan, in Shylock's Row. Judah, it seems, sleared upon a person by the name of Chas. Myers, and endeavored to force him into the shop for the purpose of driving a trade; Myers, not relishing such an introduc driving a trade; Myers, not relishing such an introduc-tion to business operations, resisted somewhat energeti-cally, and used some pretty positive language towards the bracktess in general, and to the tribe to which Judah Levy belonged in particular, which so inflamed the Jewish blood of the solicitor, that, upt having the fear of the law or the prophets before his eyes, Judah Levy dealt the obnoxious Gentile a violent blow upon the spot where David hirthe Phill tine of old, which instantly felled him to the pavement, and rendering Mr. Myers insensible for some considerable time. The offending Israelite was soon taken in custody by officer Banker of the 4th District, and transferred to the Tombs, where he was held to b it in the sum of \$310 to appear and answer. This business of accosting pedestrians in Chatham street, by the Jews who there do congregate, has amounted to a decided nuisance, and should be

CASE OF COMEPIE OY-The grand jury, at its pre sent sitting, found a true bill of indictment against Moses K. Norris and James Norris, for compiring to extor and defraud P. T Barnum, E.q., of the American Museum, of the sum of \$3,000. The case was called up for trial on Friday week, at the Court of Sessions when the defendent's counsel urged a postponemen but Mr. Barnum, who, with all the with prosecution, was in court, being about to leave the city for some time, the District Attorney insisted that the case should proceed at once, or be postpoored indefinitely until his return. The court accordingly ordered it postponed until the September term.

ARREST OF YOUNG TILL TRIBYES.—Two boys by the names of William Hampton and Peter Laney, were arrested on Friday afternoon, the 14th inst., by officers Engle and Glening of the 11th District, for stealing a pistol, knife and a quantity of small change from the money drawer of Mr. Peter Failey, 102 Houston street. They were taken to the Police Office and locked up.

ATTEMPT AT RAPE .- A black fellow, named Richard Harris, was arrested about midnight, in the 7th District for attempting to violate the person of a little colored girl, only ten years old. The scoundrel made the attempt in a lumber yard in Monroe street, and the police were attracted to the spot by the cries of the girl. He was committed for trial by Justice Taylor.

UNMANLY ATTACK .- We have ben furnished with the following particulars of a most cowardly assault, made by the servant of some person who has a sort of suburban country seat on the banks of the North River, upon an unprotected female and her little children, which, for the honor of our land, we trust will never again be repeated in this vicinity. One day in the mid-dle of last week, the lady of a French gentleman, residing in Bloomingdale, taking with her three small child-ren and a servant, went down to the shores of the Hudson, near the foot of 71st steet, for the purpose of amusing herself with fishing, and also to allow the children the opportunity of bathing in the river. While the lady was engaged with her rod and line the servant took the children into the water, in bathing dresses, the shore being shelving at that place, and, in a manner, apart from observation. They had, however, been in the water but a short time, when a man, in the employ of some person owning property in the neighbourho rushed down the bank, accompanied by two large and , which he brutally incited to seize the children, while he himself attacked the servant with a large club, at the same time trampling upon their clothes and kicking them into the river. The lady very much alarmed for the safety of her little ones, begged him to desist, and told him that she did not think the gentleman in whose service he was would tolerate such conduct; but this seemed to enrage him more, and only by the timely arrival of one of the police of the 12 h district. attracted thither by the shil ks of the frightened mother and her offspring, was the unmanly assault foregone. Under a monarchical government, such conduct may be tolerated upon strangers trespassing on a baronial manor, but upon unenclosed grounds on the banks of the Hudson, it certainly seems an outrage upon decency and propriety.

House Robbertes .- The premises No. 38 Commerce street was entered on the afternoon of the 9th, and robbed of a watch valued at \$12, and \$4 in money.

ANOTHER.—The premises occupied by Mr. J. W. Trust, 30 McDongal street, was robbed on the 11th inst. of one large four-pronged silver fork, seven silver tea spoons, five dessert spoons, and a butter knife, all marked J. W.

ANOTHER-The residence of Mr. James Po 142 Barrow street, was entered on the lith inch. by some speaking scoundrel, who stop from the premises after watch, valued at \$13; also a silk crayes worth \$1.25.—No arrest.

ANOTHER STILL.—The basement of house Bir Monroe street was entered on Sa urday, between the hours of 3 and 6 P. M., and robbed of a large amount of table silver, by some prowling rascal. The pribles were contained in an old-fashioned willow baskst, which the third found extremely convenient for the purpose of removing his books. removing his busty.

AND THE ADDITION.—On Monday informers a young house meak, dressed in a round jacket, with a black cloth cap, entered the premises of Mira. C. Roomey, Rus. W Leonard street, and processing to a chamber, suphout a quantity of aliver table outlery, with which he made his escape. Mira. R. caw him having the dairy, but did not know, at the time, that she had been supposed. Again we must caution people to keep a night lates, and the same doors.

Bunetany.—The finding store No. 77 Barchy street, was entered as Monday morning, before light, by coming one of the second story windows, and de-centles thence by the hatchway, and rubbed of some \$10 worth of articles. The regues had about \$100 worth more packed, ready for removal, but were probably alarmed by comething outside, and consequently made of with but half the plunder.

GRAND LARGENT.—A man named William John was arrested on Sunday for stealing \$42 from a salker indety discharged from the sloop of war Yorktown, while on board the Norfolk packet echooner Mary Jane.

Anner ron Brooving a Man.—Assistant Capt.
Thomas Hannegan, of the 16th district, arrested on the
11th a person massed John kinkhen, for absorting another,
individual by the name of John Harpe, with a mushes.
He was sent to the Police Court, Jefferson Market.

House Bons no.—The basement of the house No. day, and robbed of a quantity of table silver, the property of Samuel P. Darrington.

ATTEMPT AT HIGHWAY BOSSET .- On Tu morning, about two 2 o'clock, the police of the 14th District were at racted by loud cries as of some person, in imminent danger, to the curner of Aster Place and Broadway, and on proceeding to the spot, found thries men, two of whom instantly fied and could not be sweet taken, while the third was lying upon the ground fearly senseless. On being taken to the station house, he stated that he had been suddenly knocked down at the place where he was found by the policemen, that the villains who perpetrated the outrage, were upon the point of robbing him, when he was fertunately rescued from his dangerous position by the appearation of the officers. There seems to be a gang of these accoundrels prowling about, and doubtiess many of the cases of drowning that come before the coroner, if the truth could be known, would prove instances of brittal murder, where persons rendered insensible by a swedden blow, have been robbed, and then shoved remove leastly off the dock. Strangers especially should beware of being upon the docks at unsensonable hours. morning, about two 2 o'clock, the police of the 11th Dist being upon the docks at unsessonable hours.

ARREST FOR GRAND LARGENY .- A man by the name of Thos. Hennersey, was arrested on Monday afternoon, on complaint of his brother John Hennersey, of No. 89 Goerck atrest, who charged him with stealing \$40 in money from his possession. He was con

A FRAIL FRWALE IN TROUBLE.-A little ofter mid night on Tue-day morning, the patrol of the 5th district discovered a woman lying in one of the streets of their precinct, apparently in much discress, and it was soon ascertained that she was in the act of giving birth to a new dweller in this wicked world. It being impossible, at the time, to remove the unfortunate creature, her ac couchment was accomplished upon the pavement bed where she had thrown herself, in her hour of suffiring and of peril, and a male infant was usbered into exand of peril, and a male infinit was unbered into exintence, with no canopy over the unhappy mother save
the blue arch of Heaven, and none to pity or cheer the
suffering girl, except the few policemen who had been
drawn thither by the circumstance. As soon as possible she was taken to the Station Heave, where she gave
her name as Catharine Klein. She also stated that the
father of the child was a man by the name of Jacob
Ropp, lately living at the Croton Hotel. The frail
mother was finally removed to the City Hospital, where
she will be comfortably previded for.

Harss Rossma.—On Monday afternoon, the dwell-ing of Mariain Thompson, No. 229 Medison street, was robbed of \$100 in bank notes, 7 severeigns and 4 silver

General Sessions.

PRIDAY.

Plea of Guilty.—Robert Mitchell, indcited on 3 in-dictments for petit larceny, pleaded guilty and was ch charge.

Trial for Burglary.—Michael Riley was tried to breaking into the premises of Mr. Mulford and stating a coat. The jury found him guilty of petit largery and he was remanded for centence.

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Trial for False Presences.—A young Scotchman named Lauchlin McCormick was then placed on his trial for the above effence, charged with having in the mouth of May last, obtained flow James Norwell, No. 100 John street, 72 reams of paper and several gross of bonnet board of the value of \$145, by means of false presences. The trial was not concluded when the Court adjourned.

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Sentences.—This day being sentence day, the Court proceeded to pass judgment as follows:

John Derrick, convicted of grand larceny, State prion 5 years. Jessee Chinn convicted by confession, of grand larceny, stealing \$600 from Berjamin Beecher, a countryman, from on board of the stramer Mohegan, State prison for 2 years. Edward Bolkley, convived of stealing: \$532 from a Canadian named John Hamilton, State prison 2 years. Michael Riley, convicted of petit larceny, City prison 20 days.

Monday.

Trial of Laughlin McCormick resumed.—Mr. Norwall the witness of the proceeding, Friday, was recalled

Attorney for their course of

lest, he sold a bill of goods to the prisoner, amounting to list, on credit, he consequence of certain representations made by McCormiek to the winners on the day previous; that McCormiek also exhibited to witness state and a he McCassisk to the winess on the day previous; that McCassisk to the winess on the day previous; that McCassisk to the winess on the day previous; that McCassisk also exhibited to winess two letters of two measurementation, purporting to have been rigned by Massace Roo & Chemey, of Rochester; and further; then he stated that Mosars Phelps, Dodge & Co. Ind.; permitted him (McCarmick) to refer to them—the letters showmen the occasion referred to, as it was subsequently assertained, being forgeries, and the representations made by the accured entirely faire.

Mr. Rodge, of the firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., was now accurated that the firm of which he was a member never authorised the accused to refer to them.

Pomeroy B. Chark, of 13 Piatt street, deposed that the measured on lied upon him in the meetin of April has, and expressed a desire to purchase goods on credit; at the seame time exhibited a letter purporting to be signed by Win. Chancy, of Rochester; he also made representations, witness per seasily solitarithe accused a bill of goods amounting to \$214.25; and took his notes for the same. Witness persentations of the soul and Mr. Chark.

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All Merrill, of counsel for the defence, moved the Court to direct an acquited of the prisoner, on the ground that the indictment was defective, leasmach as there was a variance between the proof and the indictment. The meation made by counsel for the accused was ourruled by the Court, except that part having reference to the testimony, as to the letter purporting to have been signed by Mir. Boe, which evidence the Court directed to be strickless out.

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The case was summed up for the defence by Mr.

This, and for the presecution by the District Attorney,
when the Court adjourned, with the intention of placing
the case in the hands of the jury on the following morn-

At the opening of the Court the Recorder charged the care of Localin McCornick, on the case of Localin McCornick, on trial for bitaining sieds by false pretenose. The Jury, after a boot absence found the accused guilty, and unanimous recommended him to mercy. He was remanded until atturday for sentence.

arday for senesce.

Wild for Growd Lereny.—A decent looking woman in a child in her arms, named Martaret Hughes, shoot upon her trial for atcaling \$85 from Wm. atly, No. \$41 Most street, on the 11th of May last. The Jury, under the charge of the Court, retired and shet agreed upon a verdict when the Court adjourned not agreed upon a verdict when the Court adjourned.

Trial for Receiving Stoles Goods.—Richard Nunns, metried for receiving two gold watches, knowing them have been stolen, the property of Edgar Hicks, of The case was not finished when the Court arose and adjourned

WEDNESDAY. Richard Nunns was convicted of receiving stolen

The recognizances of Charles L. Diossy, indicted for arceny, were forfeited. Brown pleaded guilty of petit larceny for steal-lver watch.

Morgan was convicted for attempting to steal to Mrs. Wardel, 35 Oliver street, and sent to the

salentiary for one year.

Billy and Elizabeth Cox, panel thisves, were disharged because the grand jury had not indicted them oring three sessions—the witnesses having been api-

THE TRIAL OF TIRRELL. - Under this heading a Boston Journal of last week published a long and very able article, which after condemning the result of the trial of this man for murder, makes use of the following remarks in relation to the course of jurors in regard to high crimes, that are well deserving of the calm attention of both the opposers and the advocates of capital punishment.

tal punishment.

"There is a morbid repugnance to the taking of humani file in cold blood, which finds its way into all cries, and frequently defeats the ends of justice. The consequence is a series in the ends of justice. The consequence is a series in the forgets in the first in none, he does his best to create one. He forgets that the mercy to the really criminal is cruelty to the counternity; he deceives, he persuades himself that he is littering to reason and argument, while he is only bearkening to his own selfish repugnance to the task misself on him; and he renders a verdict in contravendant of his wast, accordingly. The same man who, were the country inveded, would discharge his gun without soruple into the bosom of the first invader, hesistes to put the rope round the neck of a far worse enemy of his country, who infinitely more deserves to die. The efficacy of purishment consistences in its severity than its amortily. We have no doubt or cruple about the right of society to inflict the punishment of death; none as to its expediency. Yet, as experiences of humanity of juvors very often defeat the ends of justice singuisher, and discharge the murderer

res. we would fain see it commuted to imprisonet hard labor for life. Only, in that case, the y should be as fixed as fate; the verdict of the hould be final in its consequence, and the pardon-wer should be taken from the executive, unless unquestionable proof of the innocence of the conhould be taken from the executive, unless unquestionable proof of the innocence of the conhould be laid before him and his council. We not have it left to any future Governor Perter to the country with crime and criminals, by a State it release, general of partial."

Neither would we! We have been warring inst this system of executive pardons since the commencement of our paper. It is a monarchical feature which has no right in a democratic system, and like all special prerogatives, is peculiarly open to the grossest perversion and abuse—the course of Governor Porter, to wit.

We hope that the present Constitutional Convention, now sitting in our State, will make this branch of the Executive power the subject of a careful examination.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF UNONDAGA. -Court of Common Pleas of Onondaga, on Wednesday last, appointed John Fleming District Attorney for that county.

National Police Gazette.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1846.

To Susscribers.-Subscribers receiving their papers in white wrappers are thus informed that their term of subscription has expired, and pay-ment must be renewed, or else their papers will be discontinued.

THE INCEST CASE. - After a preliminary invesligation of two months, the case founded upon the charge of Incest made against Daniel Burtnett, butcher of this city, upon his daughters, was brought to a close on Saturday last, by th discharge of the accused by Justice Osborn, for want of sufficient testimony to sustain the com-

The extraordinary nature of the charge, the number and character of the witnesses, the variations of the testimony, the duration of the examination and the strange circumstances developed in its course, have conferred upon the case an interest which entitles it to a special re-

We have promised this in previous notices of the progress of the case, and we shall briefly take it up in the same impartial spirit which has characterised all our former remarks in the pre-

The two great branches of the case which present themselves at the first view are the characters of the prosecution and the defence. On the side of the first, the main witnesses are, Mrs. Jane Ann Waddell, Miss Almira Burtnett and Daniel H. Burtnett, two daughters and a son of the accused. These appear together on the 11th April last at the Police Office, and while actuated by a strong feeling of exasperation at the father for an assault and battery upon the youngest daughter, make in connection with the laint of the assault, the charge of incest .-In this mood, and apparently without accurately calculating the cost, Mrs. Waddell alleges that her father had several times before her marriage made attempts to violate her person, and thut after her widowhood he had accomplished his purpose several times. That she had been informed by two of her sisters (Almira and Mrs. Aims) that he had been guilty of like attempts upon them-those upon the latter having been committed when she was but nine years of age. She then concluded by praying that he might be held to answer these several offences upon them all.

The boldness and directness of these allegations, coming as they do from a child upon a parent, and running the hazard of the corrobo rations of other parties, make a profound rensa-tion on the mind, and being apparently without motive except such as proceed from a strongly exacerbated state of feeling, go very far to defy all resistance in the belief.

The second day she is called again, but this time she comes under a stronger motive than before. She has had the advantage of reflection, and now speaks under the duress of fear. She finds that her previous testimony makes her a monster, and she wishes to reclaim the position of an injured woman. She therefore retracts one half of what she said before, qualifies the violations into attempts and assumes for herself the credit of resistance. From this moment the case of the prosecution was destroyed. The charge was nothing. In a legal view it was neither incest nor any thing else. But in a moral sense it meant more, for it told the history of a horrid crime, either against the father or the daughter. The case had now reduced itself to the two propositions of incest against the father or conspiracy against the children. Those who believed in the latter, contented themselves with saying that such a crime was impossible in a parent, and those who believed in the former, reasoning with a more profound philosophy, insisted that no female on the earth. however corrupted by crime or degraded by a life of shame, could conceive, much less bear for a moment the weight of this terrible, this shuddering invention, unless her mind had previously been made familiar with the idea, by the actual debasement it embraced.

Almira Burtnett also testified to her father's improper attempts upon her, but she went no further than a coarse and lascivious fondling .-If more had taken place, more she could not be expected to say. She was betrothed. The whole hopes of her life lay at the mercy of her lips, and Mrs. Waddell though partially corroborated in this point, was by no means strengthened.

Mrs. Aims is next sent for, but though charged with a crime, which, if true, would make her an outcast from her sex, she refuses to appear and testify. A second attempt is made to obtain her by the Court, but her husband and guardian of her honor informs the officer that he has sent her out of the State to escape the witness stand. She, however, is found, but the capture is made by the accused, at whose secret instance she makes a private affidavit in a lawyer's office, denying the allegations of the first witness. e still, however, refuses to appear at court, and the defence to whom her testimony would

appear to be so vital, refuses to call her. This is the most singular proceeding of the whole, for if innocent, that witness, instead of enduring the horrible imputations cast upon her, should have rushed to that court, even were it from bed of death, and beat at its doors until she had been admitted, to say in the most solemn forms known to earthly tribunals. "I am an innocent tooman and my father is abused!" If this had been denied her by forms of law, she should have proclaimed it in the streets. The defence at any rate should have had sufficient confidence in the integrity of her private affidavit, to have called her for themselves; unless, indee it had been obtained on the promise that she should not be made to swear again.

She did have to swear again, however, but it was at the instance of the prosecution, who knew of the secret denial, but who apparently trusted to the truth or to the penetrations of a cross-examination, to obtain another state of facts. She reluctantly appeared under the summons of an imperative attachment, and after being protected by the law of limitations, from answering in relation to those alleged attempts which ran behined the last three years, denied all the allegations of the first witness in relation to herself. It is proper here to say, in connection with the above, that she also denied ever having visited Mrs. Waddell at the house of Mr. Gray, and that Mr. Gray subsequently testified that he had been introduced to Mrs. Aims at his own house, by Mrs. Waddell, and that she, Mrs. Aims, visited there several times.

Mr. Grav lastly testified for the prosecution. that he had observed a scene between the accused and the first witness, which was gross and indecent to an extreme degree, and which evinced an alarming state of intimacy between father and daughter.

The defence in opposition, alledged that the emplaint was the result of a conspiracy, and for the purpose of proving this, and discrediting the testimony of the accusing children, pro duced several witnesses against the character and conduct of Mrs. Waddell and Daniel H.

This testimony consisted entirely of a series f frivolous recriminations, but the special acts elicited against the children, went to show the long existence of a most alarming state of morals in the family. How far this evidence recoils upon the accused himself, it is not our province now to measure.

We have thus fairly presented both sides of the case, and having done this, it may now be briefly summed up by saying, that the defending side insists that the accusing one is too bad to be believed.

A review of the evidence from first to last has convinced us of the propriety of the magistrate's decision, in a legal view, though it has not effected an equally decided conviction in relation to the guilt or innocence of the accused.

The latter was certainly successful in defamng the character of his children, though he has left us in the dark as to the cause of their demoralization, and he has not established the only thing which could have materially assisted his defence—the existence of a conspiracy.

A conspiracy must have one of two objectsrevenge or gain, and both must have an adequate

The irritation growing out of a family dispute. does not usually seek satisfaction to its own destruction, nor adopt for its purposes a crime which leaves poison and the assassin's steel far behind its horrible extreme, and no petty interest could alone impel such an awful climax of guilt, as is stamped in this complaint, if it be contrived.

There is something yet behind, against one party or the other, and though it does not lie upon the face of the papers, the conviction of its existence is indelibly impressed upon every intelligent and reflecting mind.

We know not whether to rejoice or to regret that the charge has expired in doubt. The prospect of triumph to either side would afford but a melancholy contemplation, and we now escape from the horror with the least infliction which any other conclusion could effect.

The miracle began in horror and ended in a mystery. Perhaps it were better that it should still remain unsolved, that humanity may be spared the mortifying task of recording another evidence of the terrible wickedness of human nature.

JUSTICE OSBORN'S OPINION.—The opinion of Justice Osborn, given by him in his decision in the incest case, will be found on the last

THE ASTONISHING PUBLICATION. - The whole of the testimony of the Incest case, concluding with Justice Osborn's opinion, has been republished in a closely printed pamphlet of 24 pages, and is for sale at this office. Price 12 cents.

Notice.-The numerous correspondents who have been applying to us by letter for copies of the Incest Case, are informed that they can obtain the pamphlet from any of the publication agents in their respective cities and towns.

POLICY DEALERS-No. 8.

We have in previous numbers given in connection with our exposure of the infamous character of the sytem of policy gambling practised to such an alarming extent in this city, the names of two of the prominent dealers or backers of the game ; and in the course of the exposure we now come to the third, in the person of JAMES T. BACHE, of No. 174 Broadway.

This man is at present the most extensive dealer in the whole business, and has branches of his illegal trade carried on by subordinate agents in every part of the city. The most extensive of these, apart from his principal office. or policy depot above named, are in the upper part of Broadway, and in Church, Anthony, Centre, Greenwich, Washington and Vesey streets. His business has recently been very much increased by the accession of the books formerly taken or "backed" by Secor of the corner of Broadway and Canal street; who has recently abandoned the traffic to evade the action in preparation by the city authorities for the eradication of the evil and the punishment of its guilty practisers.

There are some personal qualities of character about Mr. Bache which makes us regret being obliged to number him among the above class of men, but he has no right to make a trade of violations of the law, nor to profit by the wreck of a fellow dealer whose operations were no worse than his own. Instead of grafting Secor's old offences upon his own, he should have put up his shutters, changed his business, and followed his example.

We recommend this course to his attention, but in default of it, we recommend the operations at No. 174 Broadway to the attention of the Mayor and the Chief of Police.

DEATH OF A GREAT CRIMINAL.-We received news by the last steamer from England, of the death of the celebrated Jack Reed, the forger and burglar, whose life and exploits we have previously sketched in the wonderful history of Bob Sutton.

Few criminals ever lived who have passed thro' a more persevering and successful career of crime than Jack Reed. He was arrested in this city as early as 1816, by Jacob Hays, the high constable of New.York. He served five years in the state prison; came out in 1821, served a term in the Trenton state prison, and another in the Eastern Penitentiary of Pennsylvania. He then took part in the Howland forgeries, and Redmond tragedy in this city; after which he served another term of eight years in the Massachusetts Prison. Coming out from there, he fled to England, but returned to this country after an absence of three years; robbed the Bank of Orleans, in connection with Charles Webb, and upon the papers obtained from that institution forged certificates of deposit on Jacob Little, and various banking institutions of Ohio, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. By these, he and his partner obtained some \$60,000 and fled to England. They went into business together at Hull, where they purchased extensive saw-mills, Reed assuming the name of "John Comstock Clinton."

They subsequently failed; Webb going to France, an i Reed to London, where the latter set up a broker's office, in White Chapel road, under the alias above mentioned. Jacob Little having heard of Reed's presence in London, in 1843, got out an application for his delivery to our government on his old offences in this country, but after a hearing before the English Tribunals, it was decided that the application of our government should be refused, as the offences were of an earlier date than the Ashburton treaty. Mr. Comstock Clinton was therefore allowed to remain at liberty, to enjoy, in the British dominions, his share of ill gotten plunder obtained in our land.

He has probably stolen or obtained by forgeries, during the course of his life, about 00,000, and he died two month about £15,000, or \$75,000.

A large portion of this property is invested in this country; and his daughter is now on her way here, duly identified and authorized as his heir at will, to obtain possession of it.

Reed was a native of this city, and his ex-ploits, as will be seen by our "Lives of the Felons," to be issued on Monday next rank among those of the most celebrated and desperate criminals of any land; and sorry are we to say it.

His age, at the time of his death, was fifty-

ALBERT J. TIRRELL.-The trial of Albert J. Tirrell for arson, which was to have commenced on Tuesday last in the Supreme Judicial Court. at Boston, has been postponed to the November term of the Court, on motion of the prisoner's counsel, in consequence of the sickness of one of the principal witnesses for the defence.

IMPEACHMENT. - Drinker's trial is still before the County Court, he having gone into his defeace against The People.

THE POLICY MEN .- In addition to the atten-The Police Man.—In addition to the attention which our notices of the illegal and demoralizing practices of the policy gamblers has drawn from the public and the authorities, we find that we have created no small assession among the criminals the mestres, whose offences we have thus conjunct, and whose characters we have thus endeavored to reform. But like all unrepentant annexs who feel the red, that it stores to enderstand that the like the characters is intended for the like of their immedial souls, and, blind to the like the characters inconsistently kick spaces, die pricks, and employ themselves in concepting the silvation, incompany to the silvation die pricks, and employ themselves in concecting measures of revenge. Pailing in every effort, and being unsuccessful in finding a champion sufficiently reckless and debased to advocate their cause, their last attempt has been to impugn our motives, and misrepresent our aim by word of mouth. For this purpose they have alledged that our only object in exposing them is to collect black mail, and some of the most determined have (as we understand) even ventured so far as to go about, under the pretence of collecting a fund to buy us from our purpose.

BOOK OF THE PERSON OF THE PERS

We do not know what impression this latter movement may have made upon the minds of some of its observers, but if any unsatisfied philosopher wishes to test the length and breadth of our integrity in the premises, we would advise him to approach us as the emissary of the pretended compromisers, and if he does not leave with a very decided affirmative conviction, then there is no force in demonstration.

In attacking and expesing the violations of the statute against policies, we have assumed the task of abating an evil which is daily impoverishing the neediest classes of the substra tum, and filling our poorhouses and our prisons with its ruined and deluded victims. In this design we have every motive which can operate upon an honest mind to impel and to sustain us, and so long as we find the greater portion of the agents of the mischief to be composed of the most mean abject, debased, unscrupulous and characterless knaves-the scurf, the foul excresences, the leprosy of the body social-the vomitings of blind alleys and licentious districts -nay, the veriest vermin ever combed from the filthiest purlieus of a vicious city, we shall find but little reason, and feel but little inclination to waver from our purpose, to the unjust pursuit of other classes of criminals less flagrant and less pernicious.

We hope we are understood by this time. If we are not, we shall make ourselves so, by and by.

THOMAS THE MURDERER.-We present on the outside of our paper an accurate likeness of Thomas, the western burglar and murderer, whose wonderful career of crime has been in course of publication for several weeks past in the first department of our paper. We shall endeavor to close it next week, with an account of his trial and execution, to make room for another felon biography equally remarkable in its character. It is proper that, in connection with this announcement, we should acknowledge our indebtedness to Mr. George D. Martin of Chilicothe, for a copy of Thomas' confession; to A. White, of the same city for a correct portrait of the criminal to be found on our first page; to Joseph Miller, Esq., late prosecuting attorney of Ross county, Ohio, for a copy of the trial and papers in relation to the case, and to Mr. George Hughes, police officer of Lancaster, Penn. for an account of the arrest and for other information relating to the criminal in question.

LOOK TO YOUR SERVANTS .- Persons about to engage servants should make it an invariable rule to inquire before they take them into their employment, if they are addicted to the demor-alizing vice of policy gambling. If they are, they should be peremptorily rejected, and those already in employ should, if discovered, be turned immediately away, unless they promise to abandon the vice at once. There is no safety in having such domestics in a family. The infatuation inevitably corrupts their principles, and the fascination is finally driven to sustain itself, when other means have failed, by pilfering.

There are only two ways to cure this evil. and those are the prosecution of the policy dealers, and the admonition which we now propose in relation to the misguided players.

The first is the duty of the authorities; the last, that of the housekeepers of the city.

A TRAP FOR BANK ROBBERS .- A Banking House has been erected in Toronto, and in the floor fronting the money vault, a large trap door has been constructed, which opens at the slightest touch, and any one approaching it will be precipitated into the basement, the walls of which are double, and prevent escape. This huge rat trap will be set only at night, and wo be to the depredator who starts the spring .-We recommend the introduction of this invention to all the monied institutions of the city.

ACQUITTED.—The jury in Northampton found Meacham not guilty of a rape upon his daughter.

THE EFFECTS OF "ONE IDEA." - The "Prisoner's Friend," a small paper published in Boston, and devoted mainly to the abolition of capital punishment, in speaking of the ac-quittal of Polly Bodine, uses the following language:

"The enemies of our cause will see ult mately, that if we have not succeeded in abolish-

ing the law, we have defeated it."

This is the very phrensy of philanthropy, and is far more brutal to society at large, than the death code is to the individual offender. It is, however, in itself another argument against capital punishment, for while we find the educated advocates of a mild and benificient system rejoicing over the prostration of the law, we ast believe that there are those among their feverish disciples, who will devote themselves to serving upon juries for the sole purpose of swindling the statute, and of betraying justice.

The writer of the paragraph which we have quoted should take one more idea to his counsel and that should be, that every good citizen should respect and maintain the integrity of the laws of the land.

THE WESTERN LAND PIRATES -- We have received by the politeness of the Postmaster of Hardinsville, Ky., a long confession taken from the lips of one of the extensive gang of western land pirates, horse thieves, counterfeiters and murderers, who have been known for years under the denomination of "Murrel's band." We do not propose to publish the confession at resent, but can say that our cursory examina tion has revealed the operations of a set of desperate marauders, who rather appear to belong to the systematic organizations of an Italian banditti, than to a confedracy within the very bosom of these Republican States.

It appears by the confession of this criminal. who is a youth but eighteen years of age, that he was seduced into the confederation but a few months previous to his arrest, but that during the short period of his complicity, he managed to possess himself of nearly all the

secrets of the band. He names twenty or thirty of the confedracy. some of whom are among the most reputable tradesmen and retailers of Tennessee and Kentucky, but several of whom have fled to escape the danger which threatens them. In their transactions among themselves, he describes the band as using no other currency than the counterfeit notes of their own manufacture. These pass at a reduced value it is true, but still they are considered as a representative of capital, and are made to answer all the purposes of an honest medium of exchange. Their most general mode of concealing their counterfeit boodles, is to bore a hole in the bottom of their bedposts, and to stuff the cavity full, or to take a large block with a mortice in it about the size of a bank note, which is concealed in the woods.

The confession, altogether, reveals a chapter in the philosophy of villany that can scarcely be excelled by any on record. We shall give it to our readers in due time.

DISTRIBUTION OF POLICEMEN.-The Chief of Police would do well to station some of his men, on the arrival of Southern trains, in Broadway, from the corner of Courtlandt street to Park place. The pickpockets, driven from the boats and ferries by the continual force attendant there, have changed the scene of their depredations, and now way-lay strangers on their road to the different hotels. On most any fine evening, when tired and cramped railroad passengers prefer walking to their lodging houses, a cluster of the English "family" may be seen hovering around the corner of Courtlandt street, to "wing" every stranger that comes along.

BANK OFFICERS .- A recent act of the Massachusetts Legislature, extends impriso against bank officers for ten years, for fraudulently converting any of the funds of the institution to their own use. The spirit of this law should be adopted in this State.

COUNTERPEITS.-The Norfolk Beacon notices counterfeit four, five and ten dollar bills on the Bank of the State of North Carolina.

PLAYING THE OFFICER.-Two men named John Leany and Gilbert Farry, were arrested, charged with extorting money from Theron Wilbur, under the following circumstances. It appears that Wilbur, on Tuesday night, met these two men on the Battery, and walked together for some distance, and soon after the most gross acts of indecency were perpetrated by the two. They then proceeded to Brooklyn, where the same acts, too gross to mention, were again renewed. Farry and Leary then turned round and said that they were officers, and unless Wilbur would give them some money they would expose him. Wilbur became alarmed, and gave them \$30 and his gold watch. They all returned to the city, when he caused them to be arrested, and they were committed for examination.

THE LIVES OF THE FELONS, OR

AMERICAN CRIMINAL CALENDAR. Will be published on Monday, June 22d, and for sale by all the News Agents in the United States.

PREFACE.

In presenting to the American Public the first of a series, which is intendent to make up a National record of the great criminal offencers of the country, the publishers seal that diffusince which is natural to all who sassy the public main with any new undertaking. The publi-hers do not mean to say that comprehensive volumes of criminal hog ophishes have not already been compiled in this country, but they respectively been compiled in this country, but they respectively been constructed in the country, and many instances on in secura e in data, that they have not only isoled in promoting the great and substantial objects for which such administration of distallished which, and, in many instances on in secura e in data, that they have not only isoled in a species of distallished with which which with a since the moral, and diffuses the force of their schules.

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Therefore, that medicine which does secure the Therefore, that medicine which does secure them is universal in its powers far good to the human bedy. Let us see. The blood becomes loaded with impurities, when from any cause the pores of the akin do not perform their functions properly. A stidden change of weather may occasion this when the humors are too restundant; want of proper cleanliness, by permitting perspired particles to remain upon the skin, has the effect in some instances to retard insensible perspiration ; the same effect follows the use of greasy matter to the skin, as oinfments and the like. All causes which impree insensible perspi-ration are sure to occasion great disorder in the body. Costiveness occasions the greatest impediment to insensible perspiration of all other causes cos-BINED. Because, the matters which have orice bear thrown into the bowels, are only those, which nature could not make sufficiently fine to go off any other way save by the bowels. Well. These very mattern instead of being daily evacuated, are retained in the system, and re-absorbed again into the circulation:
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vs.
DAMIEL BURTNETT.
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Daniel Burnett.

The extraordinary nature of the charge preferred against the accused in this case has imparted to it more than ordinary importance, both to the witnesses produced to substantiate it, and the public in general, to whom the accused has been long and most lavourably known. Revolting in its character, and (as Lord Hale has justly observed,) in reference to the crime of kape, and to which I think this case isomewhat analogous, "it is an accusation easily to be made, hard to be proved, and still harder to be determed by the party accused though innocent." I have deemed it my duty to allow the utwast latitude in the investigation, consistant with my sense of propriety, in order to enable me to arrive at a just conclusion in the matter. Differing from ordinary cases brought before the examining Magistrate, there is but one point in this to which his attention seems to be called, and upon which he is to decide, viz:

Has there been an offence committed? If so, there is no dispute as to who has been the offender. The testimony to substantiate the accusation is confined to a single witness; that witness the daughter of the accused. Possessing a high order of talent, with the advantages of a liberal and polished education, being the mother of children, it might reasonably be expected that her testimony would be given with that clearness, precision and accuracy which would stamp it at least with the impress of probability. The peculiar circumstances too, under which the accusation was first made, affording the witness abundant opportunity for reflection, in my opinion furnishes just grounds for more close examination of her subsequent averments, than would seem to be warranted in ordinary cases. What then is the charge upon which it is sought to hold the accused to answer?

Mrs Waddell, the witness referred to, has sworn upon her preliminary examination as follows: That in addition to the several times mentioned by her which extends beyond the time limited by the statu

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and incestuous intercourse with her." She also stated that she has two sisters, each younger than herself, both of whom have informed her that her father had treated them in a similar manner. A large number of witnesses have been examined in relation to the whole matter, and I have looked in vain for the slightest testimony going to complexity. similar manner. A large number of witnesses have been examined in relation to the whole matter, and I have looked in vain for the elightest testimony going to corroborate the particeps criminis. The two sisters referred to, (one of whom, throughout the whole of this painful investigation, has been the bosom friend, companion and comforter of Mrs. Waddell) have, under their oaths, flatly and unequivocally contradicted her in her statement; and upon her own extended direct examination, conducted on the part of the prosecution by legal gentlemen of acknowledged ability, she has explicitly denied every material allegation first sworn to by her. It is not secessary for me to recapitulate the whole, or even any portion of her direct or cross-examination. They are matters of record, and in themselves (as I think) fully justify me in the conclusion to which I have arrived. Suffice it to say, that her statements, from first to last, have been of the most equivocal character. At one time she swears most positively that since the death of her husband her father had succeeded in his attempts upon her person ten or fifteen times and that in these attempts she knew he had succeeded, to her certain knowledge.

In her examination drawn out upon a subsequent occasion by the counsel for the people, in answer to a question put to her, she says:—"My father never succeeded in having carnal connection with me;" and this question followed up by others of like import, elicted answers going directly to contradict her, or to explain away all the material portions of her previous statements, upon which the whole charge rested.

These, and other statements of the same character, are the circumstances upon which it is sought to fasten upon the accused the felonious charges of Rape and Inçest.

There is one point in this case which in justice to the accused, I feel bound to notice. Mrs. W. has stated that while she boarded with Mr. Gray her father frequently visited her, contrary to her wishes, fearing, as she said, a repetition of his brut

that her father did not visit her as often as she wished." &c.

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It is no part of my duty to reconcile these gross discrepancies, yet were I to endeavour to place the most charitable construction upon her evidence, I might have good reason to suppose her to be completely under the control of others more artful than herself, who have ulterior objects to accomplish, and for which end she has been made an unsuspecting agent. With these views, I give it as my opinion, that sufficient evidence has not been presented to me to justify me in holding the accused to answer the charges preferred against him.

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